



ANNUAL REPORT

Celebrating 10 milestones in a milestone year



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Message from the Mayor

Brookhaven City Council

**John Ernst
Mayor**

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Greetings Brookhaven residents! I am proud to present our Annual Report for 2022. It was a milestone year for the City as we marked our 10th anniversary in a year filled with milestones.

On the next pages you'll see a recap of a great year that included, but was certainly not limited to, the City finding a home for its future and permanent City Hall, a world-class art exhibit, final ownership of Brookhaven Park, the return of the Cherry Blossom Festival, and groundbreakings and ribbon-cuttings galore.

These milestones could not be reached without the help of my fellow City Councilmembers, a hard-working staff, our community partners, and, most importantly, you.

Thank you for another great year!



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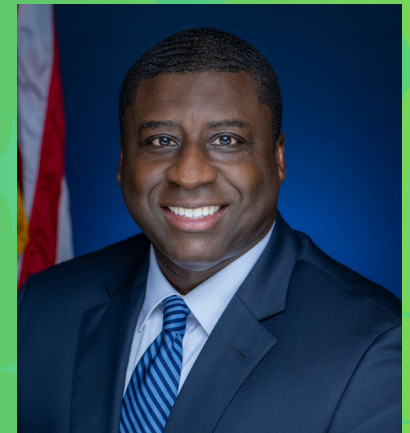
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Cherry Blossom Festival returns

Nearly 40,000 attendees turned out for the return of the Brookhaven Cherry Blossom festival in 2022 following a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. The event featured headliners Joan Jett and the Blackhearts and Anderson East, along with Howie Day (pictured), Drivin N Cryin, and more. Festival staples such as the Kidz Zone, Pet World, Splash Artist Market, and food trucks were also part of the fun.



‘Brookhaven Park is all ours’

Following a decade-long dispute with DeKalb County for complete ownership of Brookhaven Park, the City finally became the official owner of the entirety of the park. Brookhaven Park, located along Peachtree and Osborne roads, is now undergoing improvements as part of the 2018 Park Bond initiative. Pictured is District 3 Councilwoman Madeleine Simmons, who worked to make ownership a reality.



#2

‘Wings’ lands in Brookhaven

The City of Brookhaven’s Arts & Culture Commission programmed the City’s first-ever art exhibit by hosting a sculpture exhibit by internationally acclaimed Mexican artist Jorge Marin. The “Wings of the City” mobile art exhibition is comprised of a collection of nine bronze sculptures that are displayed in different locations around Brookhaven, including the Peachtree Creek Greenway, Blackburn Park, the Latin American Association, Northeast Plaza, and Oglethorpe University.



#4



The future is bright for City Hall

Brookhaven's future and permanent City Hall will be located at the Brookhaven/Oglethorpe train station following a purchase agreement with MARTA. The building (rendering of a potential design pictured) will be a focal point for the City Centre as well as a place for the community to gather and the City to conduct the people's business. It is being designed with community input, and is financed through the City's Special Services District. Follow its progress at www.BrookhavenGA.gov/PublicWorks/Page/City-Hall-Project.

#5



Cultural corridor

Brookhaven Mayor John Ernst and members of the Brookhaven Arts & Culture Commission presented a resolution during a media event at Northeast Plaza (pictured above) to recognize the vibrant community of Buford Highway and designate it as a cultural corridor. The resolution highlights the rich heritage and recommends supporting diverse arts and cultural initiatives and public art that are accessible for and representative of all residents. The City is hosting its first international festival on Oct. 21-22, 2023, along the Peachtree Creek Greenway as part of the endeavor.

#6



Breaking ground on Langford Park

Brookhaven City officials, including District 3 Councilwoman Madeleine Simmons, Mayor Pro Tem Linley Jones, Mayor John Ernst, and District 4 Councilman John Funny, break ground on Langford Park improvements, which will include a new playground, Bocce Ball court, sheltered pavilion, and walking trails. The project was scheduled to be complete in May 2023.

New Chief in town

Mayor John Ernst (left) swore in Deputy Chief Brandon Gurley as Chief of Police at a September ceremony at Brookhaven City Hall. Gurley, who has served the City for 10 years, succeeds the City's first police chief, Gary Yandura.



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#8



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

The City of Brookhaven celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a festival of arts and crafts, food, family fun, and a movie on the Peachtree Creek Greenway.

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Community Green opens

The Community Green and North Boardwalk at Murphey Candler Park opened with Mayor Pro Tem and District 1 Councilwoman Linley Jones and Mayor John Ernst cutting the ribbon with help from some young residents. The Community Green and the North Boardwalk were funded by proceeds from the 2018 Park Bond. View the status of other Park Bond projects at www.BrookhavenGA.gov/Parks-Bond-Ref.



#10

SJREC implementation

In 2022 the City began implementing recommendations from the Social Justice, Race and Equity Commission, which was formed by the City Council in response to the civil unrest and demonstrations in the summer of 2020. Initiatives that have started include improving transparency in police reporting, translating procurement opportunities to Spanish, the creation of a community engagement plan, ensuring the Human Resources department has the tools to hire and retain a diverse and highly skilled workforce, and more. For more information, visit www.BrookhavenGA.gov/SJREC.

S U S T A I N A B L E

Brookhaven

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... by the numbers in 2022

40 trees planted in front yard tree program



55 trees planted at Blackburn Park



19 acres of greenspace added (104.85 acres since Cityhood)

5 crosswalks installed



\$16,279,797

total grant funds awarded to the City of Brookhaven in 2022



29,247 pds

of debris collected at Household Hazardous Waste event

- o Styrofoam-330 pds
- o Plastic Film-201 pds
- o Electronics-6,060 pds
- o Household Goods/Textiles-728 pds
- o Paint/Chemicals-21,928 pds



6,054 charging sessions

1,056

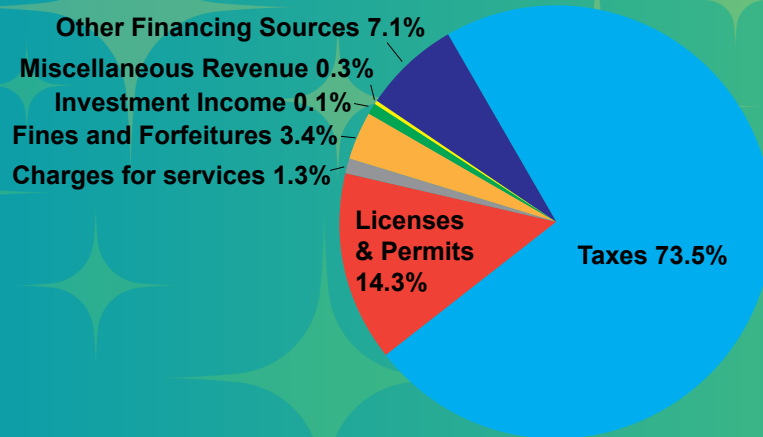
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2022 budget

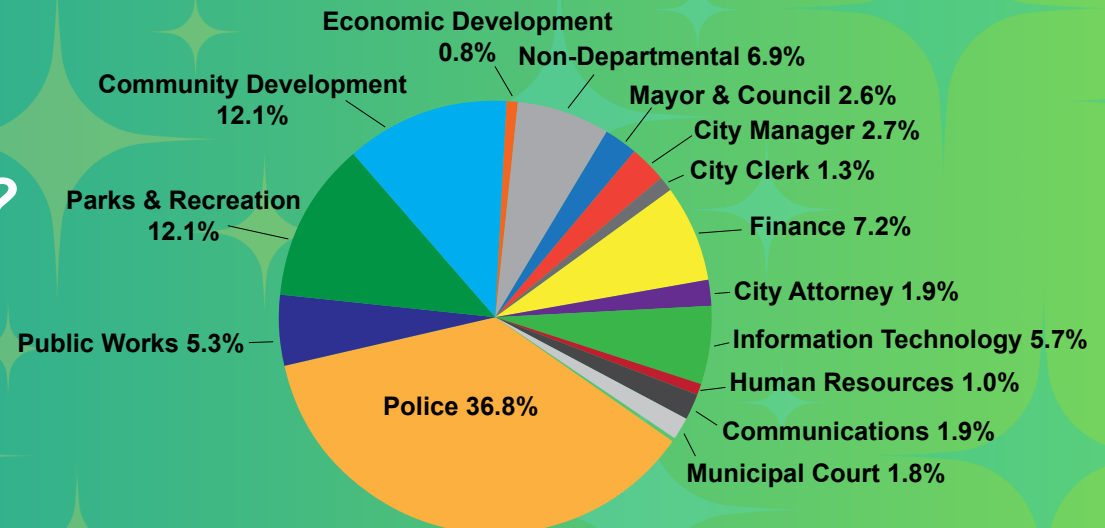
General fund budget of \$31.8 million

Where does it come from?



| Taxes | Percent |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Property Taxes | 35.6% |
| Excise Taxes | 4.6% |
| Financial Institutions Tax | .2% |
| Franchise Fees | 11.1% |
| Insurance Premiums Tax | 12.6% |
| Other Taxes | 4.7% |
| Business & Occupation Tax | 4.7% |
| Total | 73.5% |

Where does it go?



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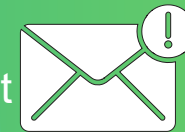
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